

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76A-1 Building Date: ca. 18th-19th c.

Building Name: Ridgeway-Hagen House

Location: 3915 Summer Road, Suitland, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Situated on 27 wooded acres, the Ridgeway-Hagen house is a simple, one-and-one-half-story rectangular frame structure with a steep, standing-seam metal gable roof. The east (front) facade is five asymmetrical bays with entrance on the fourth bay, flanked by 6/6 windows. The gable roof entrance porch has a pediment covered with verticle siding ending in a saw-tooth border. The porch roof rests on cement-covered brick posts. Centered on the facade at loft level is a two-bay, shed roof dormer. The south gable end has a high interior chimney at the gable ridge. The first story is covered by the one story, shed roof, frame storage shed. The north gable end is one bay, centered under the gable roof ridge. The three bay rear facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 windows. The house rests on a brick foundation and is sided with sawn horizontal wood siding, painted white. The interior has a hall-parlor plan. The larger room has a boxed stair to a loft in the southwest corner and a large wooden mantle on the south wall. The smaller north room is a kitchen. Visible in a crawl space, the sill is hand hewn with hand-cut gains into which flattened logs were placed as joists. The superstructure also includes diagonal braces with brick nogging. The house was altered in 1923, the exterior kitchen chimney was removed for a bathroom addition. The two-bay, shed roof dormer was added and the lean-to shed. The original locust piers supporting the house were removed and brick piers installed. According to the owner there was a cemetery southeast of the house that has been weathered and vandalized to the point that the stones are illegible. West of the house is a metal sided twentieth century smoke house.

Significance

The Ridgeway-Hagen House appears to date from the late 18th or early 19th century. Its hall and parlor plan, steep gable roof, irregular wood siding, hand-hewn sill and joists; and information about its construction from the owner indicate an early construction date. The house is situated on property owned by Philip Spalding in 1828. Spalding kept an ordinary at "Moore's Old Stand", on the road to Washington, D.C. The sixth county election district, formed in 1816, was named for Spalding. The house and 30 acres were sold by Spalding's heirs to Jesse Ridgeway in 1829. If not before, the house was constructed at this time. The property was the Ridgeways from 1829 through 1910. The tract was transferred to Henry J. Hagen in 1914 and is now owned by Hagen's heirs. Hagen altered the house in the early 1920's. The Ridgeway-Hagen House is significant for its age, good condition, and its early nineteenth century vernacular style. It is a significant reminder of an earlier lifestyle in a now congested area around Andrews Air Force Base.

Acreage: 27 acres

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ridgeway-Hagen House

and/or common Ridgeway-Hagen House

2. Location

street & number 3915 Summer Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Suitland, ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karl H. Hagen

street & number 3813 Summer Road telephone no.:

city, town Suitland, state and zip code MD. 20746

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber G.S.O. 2

street & number Main Street folio 421

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan Inventory

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ridgeway-Hagen house is situated on 27 acres of wooded property, reached by a long, unpaved lane. The house is a simple, one-and-one-half-story rectangular frame structure with a steep, standing-seam metal gable roof. It has a centered, two bay shed roof dormer on the east (front) facade and one-story shed roof additions on the north and south gable ends. There is a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable end.

The east (front) facade has five asymmetrical bays. The entrance on the fourth bay is flanked by 6/6 double hung sash windows. A gable roof entrance porch shelters the center three bays. It has a pediment covered with vertical siding which ends in a saw-tooth, decorative border. The porch roof rests on heavy, cement-covered brick posts made by the owner's father in the early 20th century. Above the porch, centered on the facade at loft level is a two-bay, shed roof dormer.

The south gable end has two six light windows on the attic story, and a high interior chimney at the gable ridge. The first story is covered by the one story, shed roof, frame storage shed. The north gable end is one bay, centered under the gable roof ridge. There is a one by one bay shed roof bathroom addition on the northeast corner of the facade.

The three bay west (rear) facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 windows, and shaded by a shed roof, one bay porch. The house rests on a brick foundation and is sided with sawn horizontal wood siding, painted white.

The interior has a two-room, hall and parlor plan. The entrance opens into the larger room, which has a boxed stair to a loft in the southwest corner. There is a large, handsome wooden mantle on the south wall, with a dentiled cornice, fluted frieze and two flanking fluted pilasters. The smaller north room is a kitchen.

Visible in a crawl space beneath the building, the sill is hand hewn with hand-cut gains into which flattened logs were placed as joists. The superstructure also includes diagonal braces with brick nogging. The siding material is original but was "turned over" according to the owner, to expose the unweathered side.

The house was altered in 1923, when the exterior brick kitchen chimney on the north facade was removed and a one-story, one-bay bathroom addition constructed. The two-bay, shed roof dormer on the east (front) facade was added at this time, as was the shed roof addition on the south facade. The original locust wood piers supporting the house were removed at this time and brick piers installed. A foundation of brick enclosing the support piers was also constructed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Local History

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ridgeway-Hagen House is isolated, set far back on an unpaved private road. The house appears to date from the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century. Its hall and parlor plan, steep gable roof, irregular wood siding, hand-hewn sill and joists; and information about its construction from the owner all indicate an early construction date.

The house is situated on property owned by Philip Spalding prior to his death in 1828.¹ Spalding resided on a part of his 400-acre property and kept an ordinary at "Moore's Old Stand", apparently a landmark on the road to Washington, D.C.² The sixth county election district was formed in 1816 and named for Spalding.³

The house and 30 acres were sold by Spalding's heirs to Jesse Ridgeway in 1829.⁴ If the house was not built before, it was probably constructed at this time. The property belonged to the Ridgeway family from 1829 through 1910.⁵ The thirty acre tract was transferred to Henry J. Hagen in 1914 and is now owned by Hagen's heirs.⁶ Hagen added the front dormer, porch, lean-to shed and bathroom addition to the house in the early 1920's.⁷

The Ridgeway-Hagen House is significant for its age, good condition, and its early nineteenth century vernacular style. It has had only a few owners over its long history and has received good care during its recent history. It occupies one of the few undeveloped parcels in the rapidly developing area around Andrews Air Force Base. It is a significant reminder of an earlier lifestyle in a now congested area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Section 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 27 acres

Tax Map 88D-1, p. 333

Quadrangle name Anacostia B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingB

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1985street & number c/o County Planning Div., M-NCPPC
14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro,state MD. 20772

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

#7. Continued

According to the owner there was a cemetery southeast of the house that has been weathered and vandalized to the point that the stones are illegible. Approaching the house to the east is a frame, gable roof shed/garage. There is also a frame well and wash house set in a bank. To the west of the house is a small, metal sided twentieth century smoke house.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, Wills, TT 1:426, 1828.
- 2 Out of the Past, Prince Georgians and Their Land, R. Lee Van Horn, Prince George's County Historical Society, Riverdale, Maryland, 1976, pg. 256, 273.
- 3 Ibid. pg. 270.
- 4 Land Records of Prince George's County, AB 5:441, 1829.
- 5 Ibid. 66:181, 1910.
- 6 Ibid. 101:114, 1914.
- 7 Conversation with Karl H. Hagen, April 1985.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ridgeway House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Summer Road, south of Suitland Parkway

CITY, TOWN

Suitland

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusual-appearing structure that sits in a small clearing, in a pine woods off Suitland Parkway and Silver Hill Rd. It is beleived to be an old log cabin-now covered up. It is a cabin-type structure of one-story, with a very steep A-roof that has attic living space above. A large, dormer window addition almost spans the entire front (east) of the house. Below this, is a wide pedimented portico, supported by square concrete posts. The pediment has a saw-tooth design along its bottom edge. The door is set off-center here. There are shed-roof additions on the north and south ends. The siding is of old clapboards, and there is a chimney set within the south end-wall. There are several older outbuildings nearby, including a frame meathouse. The house was probably remodeled early in this century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Believed to be an old log cabin underneath its many unusual additions. Quaint and unique, it merits further investigation. May have been the Ridgeway House, shown on the 1878 Atlas.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) Hopkins' 1878 Atlas.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Approximate location of property

Approximate location of property

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

11/21/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Chain of Title

Ridgeway-Hagen House P.G. #76A-1

GSO 2:421 27 Mar 1951 Will	The residue of the real estate owned by deceased at the time of his death contained 30 acres which was improved by dwelling house and out buildings. Will of Henry J. Hagen left property to children Annie K. Blake, Bertha Kelly and Karl H. Hagen. Same property acquired by Hagen by #101:114.
101:114 28 July 1914 Deed	Warren Cochran and Sue C. Cochran, his wife, to Henry J. Hagen, 30 acres in Spalding District. Same land obtained by Cochran by #99:103.
99:103 24 June 1914 Deed	T. Van Clagett, attorney for Equity #4325, to Warren Cochran, 30 acres of land being the same property which was conveyed to John A. Fairall (by #66:181).
4325 4 Oct 1913 Equity	Mortgage default resulted in a private sale of property to Warren Cochran on 28 May 1914. Same property conveyed to John A. Fairall, by Merrill Brooke Ridgeway.
66:181 30 July 1910 Deed	Merrill Brook Ridgeway and Olive D. Ridgeway, his wife, to John A. Fairhall, all that tract or part of a tract of land known as "Part of the Summers" in Spalding District, containing 30 acres of land.
WRS 1:129 15 April 1902 Will	I give and devise unto my wife Ellen A. Ridgeway all the real estate which I may die seized and possessed. then on her death said real estate is to be the property of my son Merrill Brooke Ridgeway in fee simple.
JWB: 11:497 22 Sep. 1866 Indenture	Thomas Ridgeway, Levin Ridgeway and Ann Maria Ridgeway, his wife, and Jesse Ridgeway and Mary Rebecca Ridgeway, his wife, to Francis Ridgeway, Lot #1 containing 30 acres to further carry out the provisions of the last will and testament of their father Jesse Ridgeway.
FS 4:196 22 Sept 1866 Indenture	Thomas Ridgeway, Levin Ridgeway and Ann Marie Ridgeway, his wife, and Jesse Ridgeway and Mary Rebecca Ridgeway, his wife, to Francis Ridgeway Lot #1 containing 30 acres of land, to further carry out the provision of the last will and testament of their father, Jesse Ridgeway.

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WAJ 1:165
17 Sept 1860
Will

That the house I now occupy and thirty acres of land thereto attached to my beloved wife Ann Verlinda Ridgeway and my son Francis Ridgeway.

AB 5:441
15 Jan 1829
Indenture

John W. Spalding, Catherine Spalding and Levin Mahew and wife to Jesse Ridgeway. For \$600 grantors convey part of 2 parcels - a Part of Silver Hill on the East side of the road from Alexandria to Bladensburg and a part of Three Brothers, also on East side of the road - containing 100 acres with appertenances, being a part of the estate of Philip Spalding, dec'd.

TT 1:426
25 Mar 1828
Will

To my three youngest children, Marie, Catherine and John William I leave the tract of land I reside upon - 400 acres.

O-S

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SILVER HILL

ER HILL APTS THE MAPLES

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SILVER HILL GARDENS

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PARKWAY TERR

1504

SILVER PARK

PARCEL A

5247

JOHN GROMAN
216-430
B71A P323

PAUL C
THOMAS
5846/134
3.00 A.
P 324

5712/
437
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KARL H
HAGEN
5073/274
3.00 A
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PRINCE GEORGE'S CO.
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28.83 A
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HORACE A. PURDY
4234/178
28.50A
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JOSEPH SMITH
1499/016
27.35A
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R-30C

LOUIS BROOKS
1387-448
15.20A
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Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

Northeast elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Ridgeway-Hagen House

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Marina King

April 1985

Northwest elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Ridgeway-Hagen House
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Marina King

April 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Ridgeway-Hagen House
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

ca. 1900 photograph, East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Marina King

April 1985

Interior - Mantel

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME PG# 76A-1 RIDGEWAY (LOG?) HOUSE

LOCATION SUMMER RD OFF SUITLAND PKWAY SUITLAND, MD

FACADE N

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